

REACH Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, November 16, 2012
ADHS – 150 N. 18th Avenue
3rd Floor – CR 300B
1:30 – 3:30

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:40.

Roll Call

Doug Hirano
Najla Bryant
Teresa Manygoats
Zipatly Mendoza
Rayna Edwards

Quorum was not met.

Approval of July 2012 Meeting Minutes

Small edits were made to the meeting minutes.

Status of REACH grant and Maricopa County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)

- REACH CORE grant – ADHS did not receive funding through the REACH demonstration Project Grant Maricopa is committed to completing the MAPP process. They are also developing a database that will track the progress of the CHIP. That database was supported by our REACH grant. It is in a pilot stage right now and we are looking into its effectiveness. They are discussing the various indicators that should be included and cross analysis reports that should be able to be run through it. It will be a web based database. We are looking to use the database to track PSE efforts. There are no real models out there for tracking PSE initiatives so we are working to develop something that will effectively track those initiatives.
- They are moving forward with the community implementation plan. They are planning for 4 meetings that will be conducted with their external process. They are working with ADHS to complete the final reports for CHA and CHIP. The save the date has been sent out for December. The meeting will focus on developing an implementation plan for the CHIP around the following areas: Worksites, Healthcare, Education and Community. AHDS is working on a draft CHIP plan and hopes to have that out to all stakeholders before the December meeting. We haven't seen the agenda for the meeting yet so we don't know exactly how the meetings will be facilitated. Partners will get to choose from any or all of the 4 meetings in December.
 - o December 3rd – Worksite Section
 - o December 10th – Community Section
 - o December 11th – Healthcare Section
 - o December 13th – Education Section

The meetings will be interactive – Maricopa wants to learn how the attendees will/want to be involved in CHIP. It would be nice to have a better explanation of each of the sections and how a community member could be involved. Specifically with the community section – it is heavily focused on the built environment and may not be attractive to community partners. They may not know how they would fit into that section.

Some members from ADHS will be attending the meetings but the focus will be on community partners. Staff members that are in lead roles in the HAPI (Health in Arizona Policy Initiative) will be the main participants from ADHS.

Policy Trainings

REACH supported two policy trainings – one in August and one in September. The purpose of the meetings was to support and prep grantees of the HAPI initiative and their partners to develop and implement PSE strategies. The majority of attendees for both meetings were local health departments. Two of the highest

ranked sessions from the August meeting were: What makes a strong population health policy and what makes a healthy work place?

Health in Arizona Policy Initiatives (HAPI) – a collaborative effort between the 4 Prevention Services Bureaus:
Bureau of Tobacco and Chronic Disease
Bureau of HSD
Bureau of WCH
Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity

HAPI is supported by the Arizona Local Health Officials (ALHOA). There were 13 agreements with county health departments. HAPI is being implemented in all counties with the exception of Apache and Santa Cruz (which does not have a health department). Funding was disbursed by the population in the county with Maricopa receiving the largest amount of funding. The method of disbursement was chosen by the county health departments.

HAPI is a 3 year funded collaborative effort (began in April 2012). HAPI addresses population health policy and increase health policy capacity and implementation in the following areas:

- Procurement
- Worksite wellness
- School health
- Clinical care
- Community design.

The hope is that the counties will integrate the CHIP plan being developed into the HAPI initiative. A lot of the work of the REACH program manager will also be integrated into the HAPI grant. AHDC will still support the REACH program and advisory board and will be available to provide TA to any organization that is conducting a MAPP assessment or to counties working on the accreditation process.

Next Steps for REACH Advisory Board:

Development of a statewide task force for HAPI. The taskforce members and their roles are still being developed – we estimate that it may take up to 6 months to get the taskforce up and going. As the taskforce is being developed there may be an opportunity for the REACH advisory board members to participate.

REACH advisory board members are also encouraged to participate in the CHIP meeting upcoming in December.

Future opportunities for REACH members – possibly work as a community advisory team with the CHIP. They would work as a liaison between Dr. Bob and Eileen at Maricopa County (who are overseeing all four sectors of the CHIP) and community partners. Community representatives could also participate as co-leads in the four sectors – that would be another way to bridge the gap between county and community.

The REACH and HAPI projects are separate projects with different funding streams but we are actively working to leverage both and to integrate efforts as much as possible. One of the questions for Dr. Bob is – are there any funds that have not been allocated that could be used to support community organizations in the development and implementation of PSE activities?

Even though the REACH project has been defunded a lot of the activities that we started we are still able to keep going through leveraging projects like HAPI.

It would be nice to have a public comment period after the CHIP plan has been developed. Not all people that would like to provide comments are able to attend the meetings.

The REACH board will be dissolving and our hope is to integrate the board into the HAPI taskforce. We will be highlighting the REACH grant at a community meeting on January 16th. We will also look into a final celebration with advisory board members – possibly as a group lunch after the meeting on January 16th.

Having REACH advisory board members on a statewide taskforce might not be the best idea. It is hard for community level stakeholders to input on statewide issues or policies that are occurring in other counties. Perhaps there is a better way to fit REACH board members into the HAPI project

Adjourn:

Meeting was closed at 3:00.